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ARMADILLO

ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ

History: Antonio "Tony" Rodriguez was a small-time thug released from prison whose wife, Maria Bonita Rodriguez, was incurably paralyzed. Conventional doctors refused them after Antonio's money ran out, but his underworld contacts brought him to criminal geneticist Dr. Karl Malus. Malus developed Bonita's cure, asking in exchange that Antonio submit to experimental treatments and serve him. Agreeing, Antonio underwent repeated genetic modification and surgeries to become the monstrous Armadillo. Running Malus' errands, he broke into the Avengers' California compound to retrieve the comatose Goliath (Erik Josten), but Captain America stopped him. When Rodriguez told Captain America his story, the Captain allowed Rodriguez to return to Malus, following him there to confront the doctor. Afraid of damaging Bonita's life-maintaining equipment in a fight, Captain America called the police and both men were arrested. The Armadillo was freed when the Avengers didn't press charges, and the cured Bonita convinced Antonio to remain the Armadillo, believing they could make a lot of money with his powers. Rodriguez agreed, and

joined Ed Garner's Unlimited Class Wrestling Federation. As the Awesome Armadillo (or "Mr. A"), Antonio moved through the Federation's ranks, and was positioned for a lucrative title fight after beating Doc Sawbones in Madison Square Garden. However, the Armadillo discovered his wife's adulterous affair with her hairdresser and went on a suicidal rampage through New York. When Antonio's manager Lennie J. Feitler intervened, the unthinking Armadillo backhanded Lennie across the block, where only the quick actions of a NYC officer saved him from a potentially fatal fall. Unaware, the Armadillo climbed the Empire State Building, jumping from 82 stories. The injured Armadillo was transported to the Vault for treatment and to serve prison time for damage done to Feitler and the city.

When Iron Man crashed the Vault, the Armadillo attempted escape, but the neophyte heroine Vagabond talked him into voluntarily returning to his cell. He became a model prisoner, but during Loki's engineered mass escape the Armadillo was mind-controlled by Dr. Doom and transported to Washington D.C. where he disrupted Congress' debate on the Super Heroes Registration Act. During a subsequent break-out, Antonio aided the guards in trying to subdue his fellows, attacking Venom. When Baron Zemo engineered still another mass escape to retrieve Moonstone (Karla Sofen) for his new team of Thunderbolts, Armadillo went along with the escapees, but after being recaptured by Atlas (Erik Josten), Antonio claimed he'd again been trying to stop the escape. Completing his term, Armadillo was released. The Armadillo fell back in with criminals, frequenting New York City's "Bar With No Name." Contacted by Coach Cady of Rey Trueno's unsanctioned Ultimate Fighting League, the Armadillo was successful as an in-ring brawler, becoming the New Jersey Regional Champ. When Cady tired of him, the Armadillo was set up to be beaten by the Battler (Daniel Axum) and Antonio found himself homeless, living on the street. Alongside Jack O'Lantern (Steve Levins) and the Constrictor, the Armadillo attempted to rob an armored truck but Hercules intervened, and the threesome was captured. The Armadillo was placed in the Raft, escaping during Electro's breakout, but was recaptured by the New Warriors.

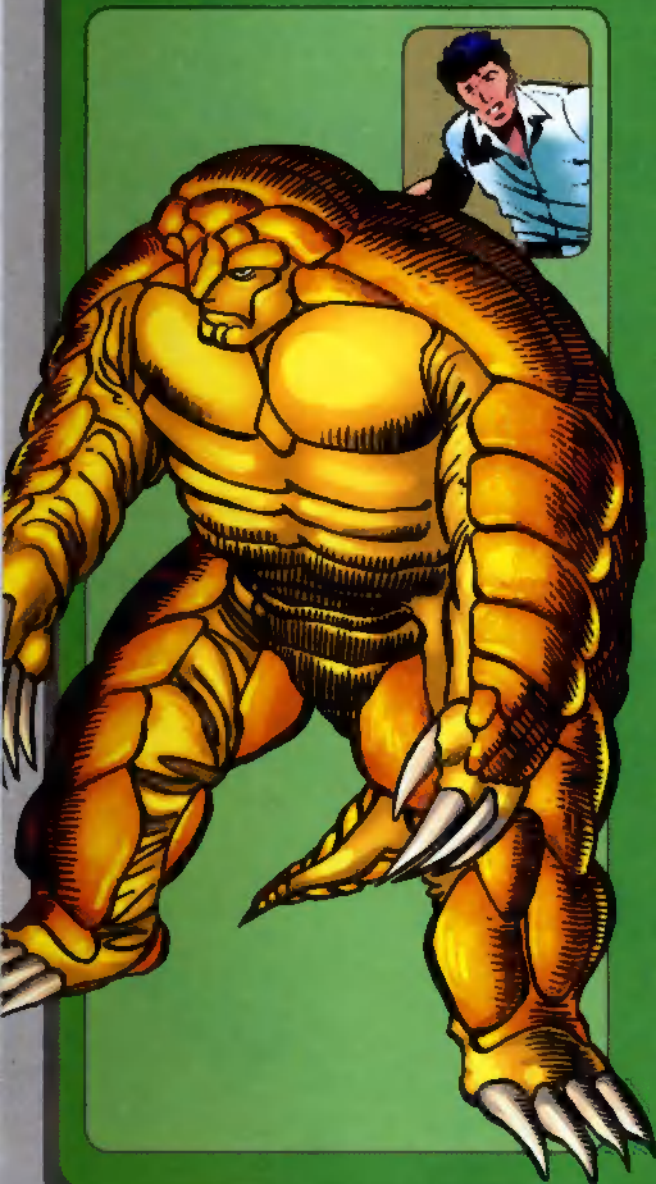
Height: 7'6"
Weight: 540 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: None

Abilities: The Armadillo's super-durable hide is six inches thick at its thinnest points, has proven resistant to temperature extremes and acids, and can withstand impacts up to anti-tank weaponry. His hand and foot claws are sharp enough to rend steel and enable him to burrow at about 8 feet per minute, and he can lift an estimated 25 tons. Despite his size, he moves with the speed of a normal man.

USER NOTES:

Captain America: *This is one case where I don't think he's truly a bad guy, just lost. If we can get to Antonio before he's too far gone, and find a place for him, I think there's still hope here.*

Iron Man: *She-Hulk reports once battling a time-traveling Armadillo as well.*



History: A law-abiding pharmaceutical factory worker, Jackson Day was exposed to psychoactive chemicals during a fire; although rescued from the flames by Thor, Day had already mutated in both form and mind, becoming a blue-skinned madman whose touch sent the thunder god on a rampage. While then-novice hero Nova (Richard Rider) calmed Thor, Day's transformation fluctuated, varying between the horrified Day and the ranting Controller. Defeated before he could do much damage, Day was transferred to Avengers Mansion for treatment but escaped, abandoning his wife, Doris, and becoming the head of the criminal Inner Circle, using his power to amass wealth and extort people in financial need to commit crimes on his behalf. But his megalomania kicked in, and when his impractical plan to overrun New York with a "mindless legion" of corruptees was foiled by Nova, the Corruptor abandoned the Circle.

The Corruptor next directed the mysterious Night Flyer to fight the Hulk, who was distracted long enough for the Corruptor to gain control of him, and he forced the Hulk's companion Rick Jones to summon the Avengers, hoping to corrupt them as well. However, the Corruptor's own high-tech base slowed the transmission, only summoning superheroes in the immediate vicinity: Red Wolf (Will Talbot), Firebird (Bonita Juarez), Phantom Rider (Hamilton Slade), Texas Twister and Shooting Star, who formed the sporadically active Rangers super-team as of this adventure. During the battle, Day overplayed his hand and lost control of the Hulk, who teamed with the Rangers to defeat and capture the Corruptor. Escaping months later, Day relocated to Japan but was quickly immobilized by Sunfire.

The Corruptor served his remaining time in the Vault, where he befriended Crossfire and other criminals. Upon release, he gained control of the Hope Foundation, where he subtly (and unprovenly) manipulated others, including Nova, to his own ends. However, his time as corporate mastermind ended when Imus Champion forced him to infiltrate Project PEGASUS as staff member Andrew, controlling the extradimensional Squadron Supreme to distract the Avengers. Exposed and sentenced to the Raft, he escaped during Electro's mass breakout. During his group's feud with the U-Foes, Day was the only member of Crossfire's crew to evade the Avengers, and he remains at large.

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 225 lbs.

Eyes: Red, formerly blue

Hair: White, formerly reddish-blond

Abilities: The Corruptor's sweat glands exude psychoactive drugs which enable him to, by touch, subvert the will of any individual; his touch releases his victim's inhibitions, so that, if not given specific instructions, the victim will revert to uncontrollable behavior. Early in his career, the Corruptor demonstrated such powers as super-strength, eye-beams, and teleportation, none of which he seems to possess today. He has used various forms of highly advanced computer technology, its origins unrevealed.

USER NOTES:

Captain America: *Mind control. I didn't like it when the Red Skull, the Artist, and the rest used it in the forties, I don't like it now. More often than not, you end up fighting remote-controlled innocents while the man behind the curtain gets away. And if he gets hold of you, next thing you know, you're fighting your teammates or making public*

declarations against everything you stand for. I hate it when that happens. Like most mind controllers, Day prefers to let his pawns do his fighting; get past them, avoid being controlled yourself, and he's finished. His "untouchable" corporate act protected him from the law for a while, but he seems too much the grandstander to settle for that. The only wild card would be the extra powers he had at the beginning. He hasn't used them in years, so they might be gone, but I know better than to count on that. From Thor's report, Day's transformation was partial at first, the decent man at war with his monstrous power; his subconscious even hatched some scenario where he was "all the evil of the ages combined." Since giving himself over to his dark (blue) side, Day's been more sensible, but also subtler and therefore more dangerous. So the first person Day ever corrupted was...himself. But I suppose that's true of any criminal.

Project PEGASUS clarifications: No known connection to the Corrupt, the townspeople of Christ's Crown mutated by Blackheart.



CROSSFIRE

WILLIAM CROSS

History: CIA interrogation expert William Cross was already building his own rogue covert operations when he romanced federal corrections officer Rozalyn Backus, with whom he developed ultrasonic brainwashing technology. Backus was unaware of Cross's illicit activities, and they were engaged to be married until Cross stole the technology and disappeared, faking his own murder and framing Backus for the crime. Surviving an attempt on his life which cost him an eye and an ear, Cross replaced them with cybernetic implants and became a prosperous high-tech freelance subversive as Crossfire. Plotting to make the growing superhero community exterminate each other via ultrasonic mind control, Crossfire abducted the Thing (Ben Grimm) to test his technology, but Moon Knight (secretly Cross's ex-CIA colleague Marc Spector) interfered and Crossfire was defeated. Crossfire secretly rebuilt his operations at Cross Technological Enterprises (CTE), founded by his cousin, Darren Cross. When Hawkeye and Mockingbird investigated, Crossfire first tried to eliminate them using the assassins Bombshell, Oddball and Silencer, then decided Hawkeye would make an ideal test subject

for his superhero mind control plot — prominent enough for his death to attract the superhero community en masse, but weak enough to be an easy target. Hawkeye thwarted the brainwashing, captured the criminals and rescued Mockingbird, whom he soon married. A vengeful Crossfire subsequently stalked the newlyweds at the estate of silent film star Moira Brandon, who was declared an honorary Avenger after she helped the heroes recapture Cross. The criminal mercenary jugglers known as the Death-Throws freed Cross from police custody, but when he proved unable to pay them, they held Cross for ransom until Captain America, Hawkeye and Mockingbird captured the whole gang. Crossfire later escaped and placed a bounty on Hawkeye's arm, hoping to destroy the hero's archery skills and break his spirit, but Cross and his small army of super-criminal bounty hunters were defeated and captured by Hawkeye, Mockingbird and Trick Shot.

At some point, Cross had befriended U-Foes leader Vector, whose secret power nullification technology Crossfire hoped to exploit. Recaptured following an encounter with S.H.I.E.L.D., Cross was imprisoned in the Vault, where Roz Backus (long since exonerated) joined the Vault's Guardsman force. Seemingly aiding and then foiling an escape plotted by the U-Foes and Crossfire, Backus turned the criminals against each other, faked her own death, and stole a fortune in cash and goods from the criminals, including Vector's power nullification chamber (which Backus later claimed she secretly destroyed since she felt it was too dangerous to preserve). The criminals were later transferred to the new Raft super-prison, and all escaped during Electro's mass breakout, with Crossfire leading a gang of fellow mind-manipulators: Controller, Corruptor, Mandrill and Mister Fear (Alan Fagan). Pursuing Backus, the chamber and their grudges against each other, the U-Foes and Crossfire's crew fought a super-powered gang war in New York until the Avengers broke it up. Crossfire and his gang were recaptured and Backus surrendered.

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 190 lbs.

Eyes: Blue

Hair: White, formerly brown

Abilities: An expert spy, marksman and strategist, Crossfire is a master brainwasher who uses mind-influencing ultrasonic devices. His cybernetic infrared eye can see in the dark, and his left "ear" is an adjustable, super-acute audio sensor. His bulletproof Kevlar costuming conceals miniaturized accessories such as firearms, surveillance devices, ultrasonics and an oxygen supply. The same explosion that claimed his left eye and ear left him with 85% hearing loss in his right ear.

USER NOTES:

Captain America: Crossfire is a formidable master planner, albeit seldom much of a physical threat. Never much cared for these mind-control types like Doctor Faustus — they're not exactly big on fair fights. Crossfire has an obsessive grudge against Hawkeye, but Clint always proved more than a match for Cross.

Spider-Woman: Crossfire's full S.H.I.E.L.D. file is massive, most of it highly classified — and that's just the stuff we know about. He had his fingers in so many pies for so many years that law-enforcement's probably gonna be dealing with fallout from his operations long after he's dead.



DR. DEMONICUS

DOUGLAS BIRELY

History: Obsessed with atomic mutation, genetics researcher Dr. Douglas Birely was fired after he deliberately exposed himself to radiation in a misguided attempt to gain super-powers, developing skin cancer and going mad. Birely later tracked down the Lifestone, a massive radioactive meteorite, in the Aleutian islands. Inspired by the mutated dinosaur Godzilla, Birely used the Lifestone to mutate various creatures into the giant monsters Batragon, Centipor, Ghileron and Lepirex. As the costumed criminal Doctor Demonicus, Birely recruited a private army (his "Demon-Soldiers") who helped him occupy the Lifestone site and enslave the local Inuit populace. Since his monsters needed periodic Lifestone exposure to survive, Demonicus had his slaves start constructing a transport composed of Lifestone ore, intending to loot and terrorize the entire world once his monsters were more mobile. After Batragon ran afoul of Godzilla while raiding a Liberian oil tanker, a three-way battle ensued between the Demonicus forces, Godzilla, and S.H.I.E.L.D. troops then hunting Godzilla. The Inuit helped S.H.I.E.L.D. subdue the Demon-Soldiers, Godzilla apparently slew the Demonicus monsters, and S.H.I.E.L.D.

agent Gabe Jones captured Demonicus himself. S.H.I.E.L.D. destroyed the Lifestone, not knowing that Demonicus had hidden fragments elsewhere. Demonicus escaped with the aid of Maur-Kon, a chaos-fomenting scientist-sorcerer of the extraterrestrial Myndai race. Maur-Kon supplied Demonicus with a satellite headquarters hidden behind the dark side of Earth's moon, where he used genetics and Myndai robotics technology to create his new giant servants: Cerberus, the Hand of Five and Starchild. Plotting to conquer Earth by bombarding it with redirected asteroids, Demonicus targeted the Shogun Warriors, giant robots created by the Myndei's ancestral enemies and piloted by human adventurers Richard Carson, Genji Odagiri and Ilongo Savage. Demonicus hoped to add the robots to his arsenal; but in the end, the Shoguns destroyed his creations and his satellite and delivered him into S.H.I.E.L.D. custody. He escaped again, establishing a new undersea South Pacific base, forming a new army and enslaving a further-mutated Godzilla; but his forces were defeated by the Avengers, and Demonicus himself was recaptured during a retaliatory attack on Iron Man.



Disfigured by cancer, Demonicus escaped and formed a new super-criminal gang, the Pacific Overlords, most of whom he empowered via Lifestone mutations. Despite the interference of the Avengers, the Overlords successfully raised a new mineral-rich island from the Pacific Ocean's floor and convinced the United Nations to recognize it as the sovereign nation Demonica, ruled by Doctor Demonicus; however, Demonicus soon began acting under the influence of the demonic Raksasa, declaring Demonica a theocracy dedicated to the demon's worship, secretly plotting to help Raksasa destroy the world, mind-controlling his reluctant Overlords, recruiting super-agents Zvezda Dennista and Ulysses Klaw, and alienating the international community with extreme measures such as declaring a huge no-fly zone around his island. Alerted to the crisis early on by the Overlords' Kuroko (Demonicus's most loyal and ardent follower), the Avengers soon intervened; but during the ensuing battle, Klaw undermined the island's foundation and Demonica crumbled into the ocean, taking Demonicus and most of his Overlords with it. Birely, however, secretly survived the disaster and was recaptured. Incarcerated at the Raft, he and many other inmates escaped during Electro's mass breakout.

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 170 lbs.

Eyes: Grey

Hair: Brown

Other Distinguishing Features: Mottled skin, horn-like forehead features and skull-like facial disfigurement shaped by the contours of his mask over time

Abilities: Birely is a genetics genius specializing in super-powerful mutations of both human and non-human life, particularly the creation of giant monsters. He sometimes wields high-tech weapons such as concussion ray guns and mind-controlling "menta-probes." His lightweight armored costume hinders the progress of his skin cancer.

USER NOTES:

Project PEGASUS clarification: No known connection to Demonicus, a.k.a. The Demon, a mystical minion of Baron Mordo. No definitive word yet on whether Birely's "Lifestone" was related to the alien "Lifestone" whose fragments empowered Bloodstone, the Diamond, Doctor Spectrum, Man-Wolf, Moonstone and others.

GRAVITON

FRANKLIN HALL

History: Canadian physicist Franklin Hall was trying to develop teleportation technology when a lab accident infused his body with subatomic graviton particles. Discovering he could control gravity, a power-mad Hall dubbed himself Graviton and turned the research center into his own private floating kingdom, demanding that world leaders declare him ruler of Earth or he would destroy their greatest cities. Meanwhile, he tried to intimidate his colleague Judy Parks into becoming his consort. When the Avengers intervened, Hall overpowered them, but he went berserk after Parks seemingly jumped to her death rather than remain with him (she was actually rescued by Avengers butler Edwin Jarvis). His power raging out of control, Graviton and his base collapsed in upon themselves like a black hole, compressing into a super-compact mass while the Avengers and the hostages escaped. Graviton survived to clash with the Thing and Black Bolt, then kidnapped an entire department store in search of a new consort, but Thor defeated him and exiled him to an interdimensional void. Accidentally restored to Earth by novice super-criminal the Blank, Graviton became a Los

Angeles crimelord with Blank as his lieutenant until Hall wearied of Blank's weakness and hurled him out to sea. Despite his vast power, Graviton was soundly defeated and captured by the new western Avengers roster. Escaping custody, Graviton teamed with Quantum, Halflife and Zzzax against the Avengers and sought Tigra as a consort, but the Avengers foiled him. After mostly unsuccessful battles with the Fantastic Four, Spider-Man and the Avengers, Graviton was trapped in another dimension, where the native P'Tah race treated him like a god.

Returning to Earth, Graviton battled the Thunderbolts (plus their hapless imitators the Lightning Rods) but withdrew after Moonstone (Karla Sofen) forced him to realize he lacked purpose. He later founded his own floating nation Sky Island, populated by largely criminal "Sky Raiders" who swore allegiance to Graviton in exchange for the power of flight. Battling the Thunderbolts again, Graviton propositioned Moonstone but she mockingly spurned him, and the team defeated Graviton with the aid of Archangel and Machine Man. Still infatuated with and intimidated by Sofen, Graviton later hired Moonstone as his personal advisor after the Thunderbolts disbanded. Honing his powers and building his confidence under Sofen's guidance, Graviton launched his latest world conquest scheme by slaughtering the Redeemers, a new government super-team which had replaced the Thunderbolts. Suspending most of the world's remaining superheroes and Earth's great cities in mid-air, Graviton began reshaping the planet in his image, literally, but he was opposed by the reunited Thunderbolts, and was shocked to learn that his P'Tah allies had been tapping his power to stage their own invasion of Earth. Prodded by Moonstone, a wounded, seemingly dying Graviton freed his captives, restored the Earth and helped thwart the P'Tah invasion, disappearing in an implosion. Secretly surviving, he was eventually taken into SHIELD custody and held at the Raft until he escaped during the mass breakout staged by Electro.

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 200 lbs.

Eyes: Blue-gray

Hair: Black, white at temples

Abilities: Hall can mentally manipulate gravitational force, augmenting it or negating it or redirecting it at will. He can manipulate these forces on a planetary scale if need be, or control masses as small as pebbles; he can even use gravity to warp and redirect various forms of energy, such as light or radio waves, by affecting the particles or waves of same. Able to perceive the entire planet via bent light or through its gravitational field, he can manipulate gravity anywhere in the world even if he is not physically present at that location. He can focus redirected gravity into powerful force blasts or near-impenetrable force fields. Hall has remarkable physical stamina, perhaps somehow augmented by his powers.

USER NOTES:

Captain America: Physically speaking, Graviton is literally a force of nature, seemingly unbeatable. Psychologically speaking, Hawkeye's one-time associate Moonstone may have said it best in the Thunderbolts records: "He's a frightened little man whose vanity and insecurity doom him to perpetual failure."



GREY GARGOYLE

PAUL PIERRE DUVAL

History: French chemist Paul Pierre Duval was working as a lab assistant when he accidentally spilled a random chemical mixture on his hand, transforming it into a stone-like substance. He soon discovered that this hand's touch could turn people and objects to stone, and that he could become a being of living, mobile stone by applying this power to himself. Turning to crime, Duval accumulated a fortune but soon wearied of his new wealth and set a new goal: immortality. Duval terrorized New York as the Grey Gargoyle and sought to steal Thor's hammer, mistakenly assuming it was the source of Thor's longevity. He was twice defeated by Thor and once by the time-displaced Thor Corps. After Iron Man (Tony Stark) and S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Jasper Sitwell foiled Duval's attempted theft of Tony Stark's new cobalt super-weapon, Duval sought the dangerous compound "Element X" but was shot into space through the combined efforts of Captain America (Steve Rogers), Falcon (Sam Wilson) and S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury. Returning with the aid of new partners AIM (Advanced Idea Mechanics), Duval plotted world conquest; but a battle with Captain America and Spider-Man accidentally hurled Duval into space again.

Rescued by the alien starship Bird of Prey, Duval soon rose to command the vessel but later turned against its crew alongside Thor, Sif, the Warriors Three and other captives in hopes of returning to Earth. Seemingly slain, Gargoyle survived and made his way home, where he fought Daredevil and the Avengers. Recaptured, he fought Iron Man during an abortive breakout at Ryker's Island, and was later freed and recruited by Baron (Helmut) Zemo's Masters of Evil. Teamed with Screaming Mimi, Duval freed the new Yellowjacket (Rita DeMara) from prison to join the Masters; but during this mission, Duval and Mimi were themselves captured by Wasp, Paladin and the Black Knight (Dane Whitman). Escaping again, Duval resurfaced as "artist" Paul St. Pierre, selling statues that were secretly petrified human victims sealed in a special polymer which preserved their transformation; but he was exposed by Iron Man and fled. Attacking the Hulk (Bruce Banner) on behalf of Doctor Doom, Duval was painfully defeated. Incarcerated at the Vault super-prison, Duval participated in a mass breakout foiled by the Avengers and Freedom Force. Later, he was part of the "Doom's Brigade" hired to protect Doctor Doom, though Captain America and Spider-Man penetrated their defenses. After attending an AIM weapons expo, Duval and Killer Shrike were unwittingly duped into helping the alien dragon-slayer Surge hoax the She-Hulk. Recaptured repeatedly by the likes of Fantastic Force, Daredevil and Black Widow (Natasha Romanoff), Duval was hired by the Gideon Trust to attack the Thing, but the Fantastic Four defeated him and the Thing regained his ability to resume human form as a side-effect of the attack. Influenced by the death of childhood friend Gary Lesgetti, Duval resumed his quest for immortality, savagely attacking female Thor equivalent Tarene ("Thor Girl") and stealing her mystical hammer, but a confrontation with the god-slayer Desak and a sound beating by Thor quashed Duval's delusions of godhood. Miniaturized and held in the Big House micro-prison (where a mass escape was foiled by She-Hulk), Duval was transferred to the Raft and escaped during its Electro-led breakout, only to be recaptured and incarcerated in the Fantastic Four's new Vault prison.

Height: 5'11"

Weight: (human) 175 lbs., (stone) 750 lbs.

Eyes: (human) blue, (stone) white with no visible pupils

Hair: (human) brown, (stone) gray

Abilities: The touch of Duval's right palm can transform anyone or anything into immobile, granite-like stone. The transformation often lasts about one hour. By applying his palm to himself, Duval can transform into living stone, fully mobile, unlike his victims. His stone form is superhumanly strong and durable.

USER NOTES:

Captain America: The trick with the Grey Gargoyle is to attack from a distance and keep moving — otherwise, that stone touch of his can end a battle quickly. Without it, he's little more than another generic powerhouse.



HYDRO-MAN

MORRIS BENCH

History: Morris Bench was a crewman aboard the S.S. Bulldog cargo ship during the testing of a powerful new experimental underwater generator. Accidentally knocked overboard during a battle between Spider-Man and Namor, Bench was mutated by the interaction of the generator's energies with undersea volcanic gases; within hours, he began to transform into living water. Calling himself Hydro-Man, Bench attacked Spider-Man, but he evaporated after Spider-Man scattered his liquid across the city's sun-baked rooftops. Soon reintegrating, Bench became a super-criminal. When he and similarly-powered rival criminal Sandman (William Baker) competed for the affections of barfly Sadie Frickett, the two foes accidentally merged into a monstrous "mud-thing" that the police were ultimately forced to dehydrate into seemingly inert rubble. Hydro-Man and Sandman eventually managed to separate back into their original forms, but both were traumatized by the experience. Hydro-Man did most of his criminal work in groups from that point on, perhaps seeking safety in numbers. Battling Spider-Man, Sandman, Silver Sable and others as a founder of the mercenary Sinister Syndicate, Bench also fought the Fantastic Four as a member of the Wizard's Frightful Four, and battled the Avengers as part of the short-lived Assembly of Evil during the Acts of Vengeance conspiracy.

Working with various partners, employers and teammates, Bench was defeated repeatedly by heroes such as Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four, Captain America, the New Warriors, Thunderstrike, Gambit, Sandman, Black Panther and the Thunderbolts. After in-fighting broke up the Sinister Syndicate for good, several members (including Bench) served briefly as Maggia agents. Hydro-Man was also one of many super-criminals employed by corrupt billionaire Justin Hammer for a time, and later served in the Masters of Evil assembled by Hammer's daughter Justine, alias the Crimson Cowl. The Thunderbolts hindered both enterprises, and after Justine's arrest and Justin's apparent demise, Hammer Industries phased out its criminal enterprises and Bench was laid off. Hydro-Man teamed with his occasional partner and fellow Hammer castoff the Shocker (Herman Schultz) for one more big theft to set them up for retirement, but Bench's inability to resist seeking vengeance on Spider-Man botched the job and got them both captured. Trying to go straight, Bench took a job at a water park but soon blundered into yet another battle with Spider-Man and the Human Torch (Johnny Storm). He was rescued by the Wizard, who altered Bench's powers and recruited him back into the Frightful Four. Escaping after another defeat by the Fantastic Four, Hydro-Man briefly joined other Spider-Man foes in Norman Osborn's Sinister Twelve, but was subsequently taken into S.H.I.E.L.D. custody and imprisoned at the Raft, where he escaped during Electro's mass breakout. Hydro-Man was one of many Fantastic Four foes captured by the FF and imprisoned in the new Vault.

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 265 lbs.

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Light Brown

Abilities: Hydro-Man can transform himself wholly or partially into a water equivalent which he mentally animates and manipulates — for instance, producing high-pressure water blasts or engulfing foes in a massive wave. Bench controls every drop of his bodily liquid, and his watery form

gradually reintegrates if it is vaporized or dispersed. He can merge with or absorb ordinary water, thereby increasing in size. His strength is slightly enhanced by his abnormal physiology. Recent alterations of Bench's powers by the Wizard have enabled Bench to manipulate water sources separate from his own body, and have given Bench a finer degree of control over his own fluid form; however, the Wizard also intentionally weakened Bench's molecular cohesion, and developed a device enabling him to reduce Bench to an inert mass of liquid if necessary, ensuring Hydro-Man's loyalty.

USER NOTES:

Spider-Man: *Someone has to say it: Bench is all wet. A guy with this much power should be a major threat, but since poor Morrie's dumb as a post, he's strictly hench-thug material. Dangerous but dim.*

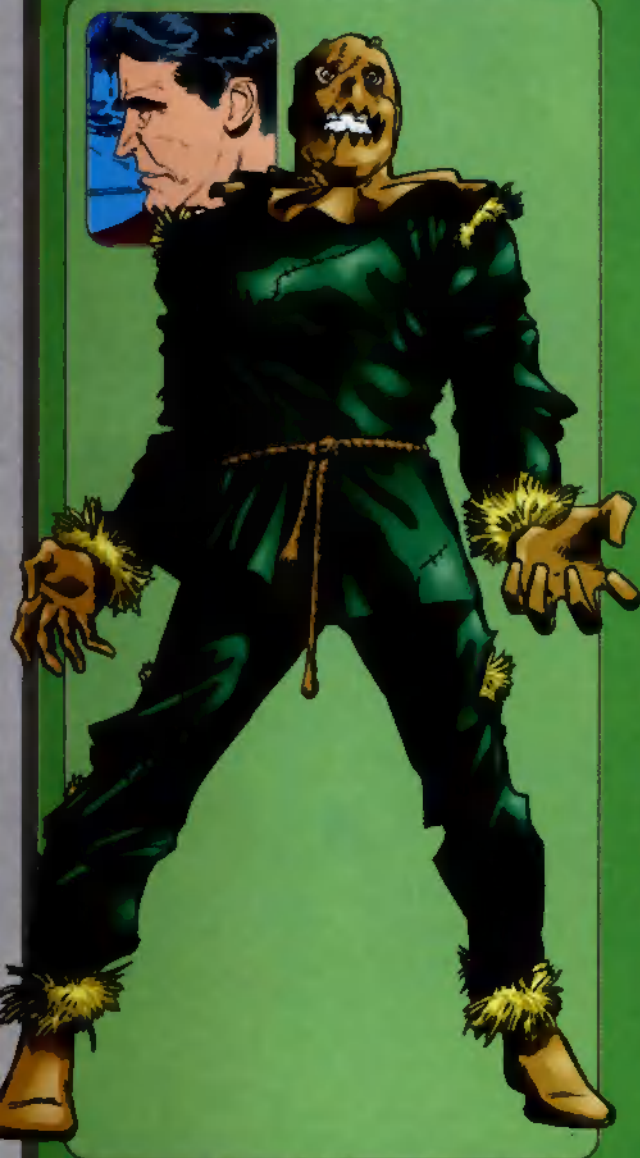
Project PEGASUS clarifications: *No known connection to the Hydro-Men, a.k.a. the Amphibians of Hydro-Base, who were humans mutated by a Terrigen Mist variant.*



SCARECROW

EBENEZER LAUGHTON

History: Ebenezer Laughton's alcoholic mother would beat him severely when he misbehaved, then give him presents to ease her feelings of guilt. This dysfunctional discipline convinced Ebenezer that rewards always followed punishment, and his behavior grew worse as he sought beatings and the gifts that came with them. Socially backward, young Ebenezer found a sense of purpose after he saw a "rubber man" performing at a traveling carnival. Obsessed with mastering this unique skill, the slender, double-jointed Laughton trained for years, becoming a gifted contortionist, escape artist and acrobat. As an adult, he successfully auditioned for a spot in a live variety show, where he performed as "Umberto the Uncanny"; however, he found a new calling after Iron Man (Tony Stark) chased a thief into the theatre. Using his acrobatics to capture the lawbreaker in hopes of good publicity, "Umberto" realized that his skills could make him a formidable burglar. Stealing a scarecrow outfit from a costume shop and a flock of trained crows from fellow stage performer Thornton, Laughton retrained the birds (who were already familiar with him) to serve as his accomplices. Thus outfitted as the



Scarecrow, Laughton burglarized the apartment of wealthy industrialist Tony Stark, narrowly escaping after scuffles with Stark's chauffeur Happy Hogan and Iron Man. Finding some top-secret defense plans among his burglary loot, Laughton began trying to sell them, but Iron Man took them back and the Scarecrow fled to Cuba.

Returning to America, Scarecrow was defeated by Spider-Man, then joined the Maggia as one of Count Nefaria's super-agents alongside Eel (Leopold Stryke), Plantman, Porcupine and Unicorn (Milos Masaryk), battling the X-Men when Nefaria unsuccessfully held Washington, D.C. for ransom. Nefaria's super-agents (with Jordan Dixon, alias Viper, in place of Unicorn) next helped the Cowled Commander (corrupt NYPD sergeant Brian Muldoon) stage a crime wave designed to terrorize New Yorkers into bolstering their police force, but they were defeated and exposed by Captain America (Steve Rogers) and the Falcon (Sam Wilson). Later, placed in solitary confinement for nearly a year after another defeat by Captain America, Laughton snapped. Escaping, he went on a killing spree until Captain America recaptured him. Imprisoned in the Vault, Scarecrow was present for two mass breakouts; but the first was foiled completely by the Avengers and Freedom Force, and during the second, Hawkeye and Iron Man recaptured Scarecrow. Escaping and resuming his serial slayings, Scarecrow was impaled and left for dead following a battle with Ghost Rider (Dan Ketch), but the shadowy organization the Firm surgically restored him — complete with new fear-based powers — to serve as their agent. Defeated by Ghost Rider and Captain America, then killed in yet another battle with Ghost Rider, Scarecrow was resurrected by the demon Blackheart as a bodiless spirit who possessed the corpse of Ghost Rider's late sister, Barbara Ketch. Defeated and cast into Hell, Scarecrow somehow returned to physical life and menaced some children until he was recaptured by the Falcon. Incarcerated in the Raft super-prison, Scarecrow escaped during Electro's mass breakout.

Height: 6'0"
Weight: 165 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown

Abilities: Scarecrow's pheromones trigger panic attacks in those around him, and this fear enhances his strength, agility and recuperative powers to superhuman levels. Scarecrow is an expert contortionist, escape artist and bird trainer. His crows are trained to attack his enemies and perform other simple tasks, responding to his hand gestures, verbal commands and other predetermined cues. Scarecrow's favorite weapon is a pitchfork.

USER NOTES:

Iron Man: Hard to believe this maniac's the same glorified acrobat I chased out of the country years ago — sometimes it seems like all these supercrooks are just getting scarier with the passage of time. And none of them stay dead, either, which is getting really old...

Project PEGASUS clarifications: No known connection to the supernatural "Fear Lord" the Straw Man, a.k.a the Scarecrow; the giant monster Scarecrow, an actual scarecrow temporarily transformed into a living giant by atomic radiation; or several other scarecrows brought to life.

History: Lancaster Sneed grew up a lonely boarding school boy in Great Britain, his boredom relieved only occasionally by visits from his uncle, veteran intelligence agent Sir Denis Nayland Smith. Fascinated by Smith's spy stories yet resentful of his uncle's long absences, Sneed grew up to become an MI-6 agent like his uncle. Caught in an explosion during his first field mission, Sneed was surgically rebuilt and reinforced with metal plating; but his injuries left him badly scarred and mentally unstable, and MI-6 fired him. After studying martial arts in Asia, Sneed became a carnival performer as "Shockwave," wearing an armored costume that enabled him to conduct electricity through his body's metal plating. The embittered Sneed eventually became an agent of his uncle's longtime foe, the criminal mastermind Fu Manchu. Shockwave battled and nearly defeated Fu Manchu's renegade son, the altruistic adventurer Shang-Chi, before MI-6 head Black Jack Tarr forced Shockwave to flee. Defeated and captured during a subsequent battle with Shang-Chi, Shockwave was framed for the shooting of Sir Denis by old family friend Dr. James Petrie, who had fallen under Manchu's control. While in custody, Shockwave was brainwashed into serving MI-6 by MI-6 ally Ward Sarsfield, who suspected Shang-Chi and his associates were withholding information regarding Fu Manchu. As Sarsfield's agent, Sneed savagely beat Sir Denis, attacked secretary Melissa Greville and injured former MI-6 agent Clive Reston, but Shang-Chi and agent Leiko Wu drove him off. Partnered with the robot Brynacki and assigned to interrogate Black Jack Tarr on Mordillo Island, Shockwave fought Leiko Wu and Shang-Chi but was forced into an alliance with his enemies after Brynacki turned on him. As they fought their way off the island, his new allies learned of Shockwave's background and saw his scarred face; sympathetic, they offered to seek a means of undoing his brainwashing and planned to bring down Sarsfield using Sneed's information.

As a freelance mercenary, Shockwave teamed with Razor-Fist (Douglas Scott) and Maximillian Zaran to attack the Avengers on behalf of the Deltite conspirators who had then infiltrated S.H.I.E.L.D., but the trio was defeated and forced to flee. Later, Shockwave attended the AIM Weapons Expo and skirmished unsuccessfully with Captain America. Shockwave re-teamed with Razor-Fist to kidnap the son of the Cat (Shen Kuei) on behalf of parties unknown, but the Cat and Spider-Man defeated them and rescued the child. Sneed next teamed with Whiplash, Orka and Killer Shrike to seize the aircraft carrier Intrepid as part of an extortion scheme, but they were defeated by Heroes for Hire. The Crimson Cowl (Justine Hammer) later recruited Shockwave into her Masters of Evil, and he participated in her global weather control blackmail scheme; but the Thunderbolts defeated them, capturing Shockwave and most of the other Masters. A power-mad, other-dimensional cosmic scholar then enlisted Shockwave and dozens of other criminals to guard his fortress, but they were defeated through the combined efforts of the Avengers and a league of heroes from a divergent cosmos. Incarcerated at the Raft super-prison, Shockwave escaped during the mass breakout engineered by Electro and remains at large.

Height: 5'11"

Weight: (unarmored) 170 lbs., (armored) 182 lbs.

Eyes: Green

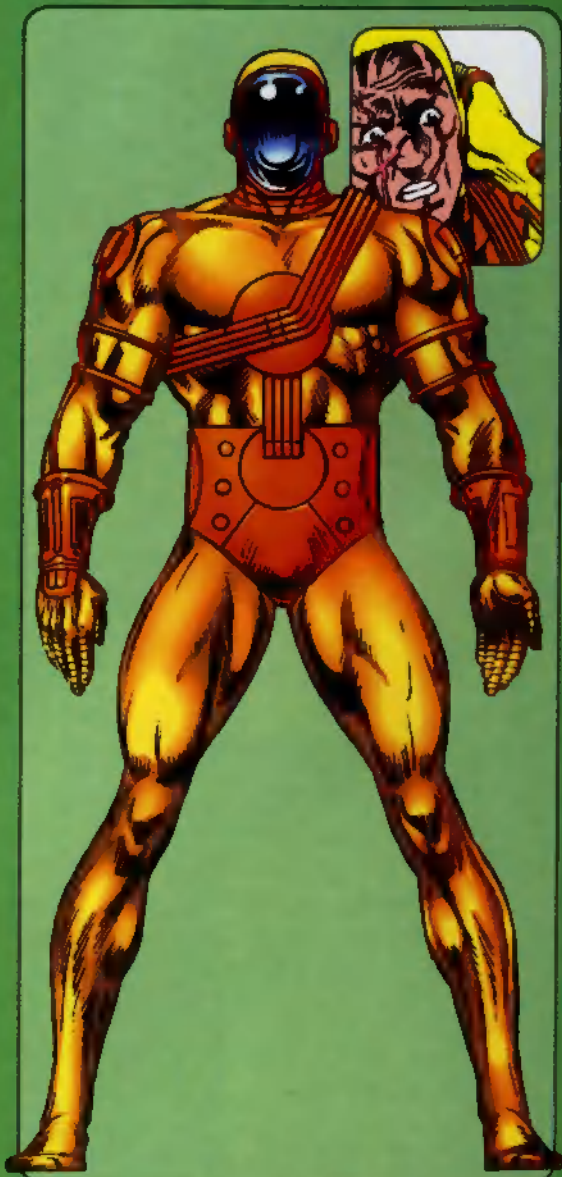
Hair: Black, formerly red-brown

Abilities: Sneed wears an armored exoskeleton which can deliver a powerful electrical charge on contact; it also slightly enhances his strength and durability, which is further augmented by his body's metal plating. An experienced martial artist and intelligence agent, Sneed is also trained in demolitions.

USER NOTES:

Iron Man: Sneed was on the short list of crooks who may have stolen elements of my Iron Man technology a while back — I keep meaning to check him out. Put up a good fight that one time we skirmished, but nothing I couldn't handle.

Project PEGASUS clarifications: No known connection to Shockwave (Kathy Ling) of Earth-148611 ("New Universe"). A Shockwave robot was also used by Dr. Doom.



History: Former U.S. Representative and industrialist Simon Utrecht (soon to become Vector) decided that economic and political power was insufficient, and sought super-powers. Scientist Michael Steel (later Ironclad) identified a window where the conditions which created the Fantastic Four could be duplicated, so Utrecht hired him to design, build and fly a spaceship. Accompanied by life support specialist Ann Darnell (later Vapor) and her brother, propulsion engineer James "Jimmy" Darnell (later X-Ray), the foursome rocketed into the cosmic rays and were changed. Physicist Bruce Banner (Hulk) found their New Mexico launch facility and aborted the flight; believing Banner had prevented them from gaining greater powers, the foursome (naming themselves the U-Foes after Utrecht) attacked Banner, but their unfamiliarity with their powers let the Hulk defeat them. Fearing their lack of control could prove fatal, Utrecht funded research into technology to further this control. This technology proved capable of "curing" certain powers, which later intrigued Utrecht's friend and associate, rogue CIA agent William Cross (Crossfire). Seeking recognition and revenge, the U-Foes attempted the Hulk's execution on live television, but the Hulk defeated them with help from the alien Bereet.

The four accidentally exiled themselves to the Crossroads of Reality when Vector's escape efforts repelled the U-Foes' home dimension from them. There, they again met the Hulk, who briefly trapped them in four separate dimensions with the aid of the Puffball Collective, an alien life form. Regrouping, they were returned to Earth by the mutant Portal (Charles Little Sky) but immediately defeated by the Avengers. Ironclad, Vapor, and X-Ray were placed in the Vault, but escaped during the so-called "Acts of Vengeance." Led by Loki to believe that the Avengers had slain Utrecht, the threesome attacked the Avengers Compound before learning the truth and fleeing. Vapor briefly joined Superia's female army, but the foursome reunited to seek Portal's aid in recovering some extra-dimensional artifacts. Interrupted

by Captain America, Daredevil and Darkhawk, the four were returned to prison before being freed by the Leader, for whom they broke into the Pantheon's Mount. Vector was later sighted at the Brass Bishop's energy auction of the corpses of Silver and Auric, and the four were shortly thereafter recaptured. Imprisoned in the Vault, they allied with Crossfire to attempt escape, but project director Rozalyn Backus stole much of Utrecht's wealth (including his power nullification technology) and tricked Utrecht into believing Crossfire had betrayed them, sparking conflicts between the U-Foes and Crossfire's mind-controlling clique. The Thunderbolts foiled another escape attempt before the Master freed the U-Foes, using them to contact the evolved White Tiger and then to break into the Vault for him. At the Master's behest they captured the Hulk and several U.N. scientists, using the Controller's discs to drain information from them. The nascent Heroes for Hire team stopped them, but they escaped and captured Luke Cage for the Master before being betrayed and left comatose by their employer.

Imprisoned in the miniaturized "Big House," they were part of that facility's mass escape, but She-Hulk, Southpaw, and Henry Pym recaptured them and they were moved to the Raft. Escaping, they fought a running battle with Crossfire's gang while both groups sought the Vault's corrupt former administrator Rozalyn Backus and Vector's lost technology. She claimed to have destroyed Utrecht's power-removing technology, destroying the U-Foes' ability to regain their humanity, so Vector vengefully destroyed Backus' charitable projects. The U-Foes later battled the Thunderbolts.

Ironclad / Vapor / Vector / X-Ray

Height: 6'7" / 5'6" / 6' / 5'9"

Weight: 650 lbs. / 0 lbs. / 195 lbs. / 0 lbs.

Eyes: White / White / White / White

Hair: None / Auburn / None / None

Abilities: Ironclad can lift 60 tons, and possesses a harder-than-steel body. Vapor can transform her body into any form of gas. Vector can repel anything from him at will, including physical, energy, magical, interdimensional, and psionic objects. X-Ray exists in energy form, and is capable of flying and projecting any form of radiation.



energies into the crowbar, and the Wrecker himself was beaten in combat by Captain America.

The Wrecker soon escaped prison and freed the Crew, and they continued to use Zemo's remaining resources while they prepared to regain their powers. Thunderball began rebuilding the Gamma Bomb in the hopes of another blackmail attempt, but his one-time use of the crowbar had left him craving its power, and he ultimately turned on the Wrecker, wanting all the power for himself. Faced with the combined powers of Spider-Man and Spider-Woman (Julia Carpenter), the divided Wrecking Crew fell. Some of the Wrecking Crew participated in the so-called "Acts of Vengeance" as Thunderball fought the Fantastic Four, the Wrecker fought Iron Man, and the entire Crew fought Damage Control, who were secretly aided by Thunderball (who was friends with Damage Control's John Porter). The Wrecker continued to resent Thunderball's attempts at claiming his power and mantle of leadership, and began to hunt the now-powerless Franklin. The Wrecker tracked Franklin to his Yancy Street safehouse, but encountered the Thing there and was beaten. The entire Crew were imprisoned at the Vault for a time, participating in an uprising when Venom staged a breakout. Thunderball opposed Venom's leadership, and led a splinter group of escapees against the Avengers when they tried to lockdown the facility, but he finally sided with the Avengers to help stop a core breach in the Vault.

Finally escaping the Vault, the Wrecker and Thunderball were forced to establish a working relationship, but could never entirely trust each other again. The Crew faced Hercules again, and battling them helped Hercules overcome the fear of combat he had suffered since his beating at their hands. They fought the NYPD's special task force Code: Blue while holding a hostage, and lost their hostage to the police squad. Ultimately, Loki decided that he wanted the power of the Wrecker for himself, since it had been meant for him, and while the Crew were battling Thor and the Ghost Rider (Daniel Ketch), he had the Enchantress and Ulrik bring down each member of the Crew, until only the Wrecker remained. Loki proceeded to torture the Wrecker, and finally cast him into another dimension.

Deprived of the Wrecker's power, Thunderball worked with the Secret Empire, and was outfitted with armor which mimicked some of his magical abilities. They attempted to harness the powers of Nova, but were opposed by the combined forces of Spider-Man, Moon Knight, Darkhawk, Night Thrasher and the Punisher, and ultimately surrendered to them. The Wrecker finally returned to Earth and was reunited with the Crew, but their powers began fading when many of Asgard's links to Earth were separated after Odin attempted to evade Ragnarok, and they were defeated by Code: Blue. They were then hired by Arnim Zola to battle the Thunderbolts (unaware that the Thunderbolts included many of their former allies in the Masters of Evil), receiving an artificial power boost from him, but the Thunderbolts defeated the Crew.

Defeated again by Spider-Man, the Sub-Mariner and the Thing, the Crew were next hired by the Doomsday Man to locate Warbird (Carol Danvers), and they decided to start

robbing banks to bring her out. They wound up battling the Avengers, and were accidentally sent to Polemachus by the Scarlet Witch. In Polemachus, they set out to defeat Arkon and Thundra so that they could rule that dimension and claim its energies to repower themselves, but the Avengers followed them there and defeated them. The Crew battled Thor and the Warriors Three next, and Thunderball nearly killed Hogun the Grim. Thor caught up to the Crew and beat them all. After this, the Crew were shuffled to several prisons, including the Cage, Seagate and the Big House, making escapes along the way to battle the Fantastic Four. They were then made pawns by the sorceress Morgan Le Fay, who replaced Thunderball with her magical agent the Knight in disguise, all as part of her plan to claim the enchanted arrows of Hawkeye; but the Crew was defeated by the Avengers and Kelsey Leigh, who was resurrected as the new Captain Britain after the Knight slew her.

Piledriver decided that the Wrecking Crew should be preparing for their later years by training a new generation into the Crew, and brought his teenage son Ricky onboard as Excavator. Learning that the Pride, one-time criminal masterminds of Los Angeles had apparently been slain, the Crew decided to hit banks there now that the Pride were no longer in control, and because of the smaller super-hero population. However, Excavator's presence had drawn the attention of the Pride's children, who came to return him to his grandparents. They beat the entire 5-man Wrecking Crew in battle, and left them for the police.

The Wrecking Crew was sent to the Raft, but escaped during the mass breakout. The Wrecker and Piledriver set out to find the Wrecker's "spare" crowbar which he had hidden in the Museum of Modern Art, and to steal from the paintings there. However, they were defeated by Toxin. The Wrecker managed to get away again, but was recaptured by the new team of Avengers which had formed in the aftermath of the Raft breakout. The other members of the Wrecking Crew are still at large.

Buildup / Excavator / Piledriver / Thunderball / Wrecker

Height: 6'4" / 5'4" / 6'4" / 6'6" / 6'3"

Weight: 325 lbs. / 180 lbs. / 310 lbs. / 350 lbs. / 300 lbs.

Eyes: Brown / Blue / Blue / Brown / Blue

Hair: Black / Blond / Blond / Black / Brown

Abilities: Each member of the Wrecking Crew possesses superhuman strength (lifting from 10-40 tons), stamina and durability, portioned out roughly evenly between them. The Wrecker (or whoever wields his crowbar) possesses greater powers when not sharing with the others. The crowbar also allows the wielder to teleport, fire energy blasts, and create an energy shield. Thunderball also wields an enchanted wrecking ball, and Excavator uses an enchanted shovel.

USER NOTES:

Spider-Man: Lately it seems a week doesn't go by where at least one of us doesn't tangle with the Crew. They must be racking up the "Frequent Fighter Mileage" on their credit cards...

History: Zzzax was created when terrorists attacking a Consolidated Edison nuclear power plant caused an explosion, sparking an atomic chain reaction that formed a mass of sentient electrical energy. Incinerating the nearest humans and absorbing their brains' electrical fields, the newborn electrical entity dubbed itself "Zzzax" as an onomatopoeic echo of its body's own crackling energies. Zzzax's destructive killing spree was opposed by the Hulk (Bruce Banner) and Hawkeye (Clint Barton), who managed to dissipate Zzzax by firing a conductive cable through the creature into the East River. Months later, Soul Star Research scientists Alexandria Knox, Stan Landers and Mark Revel accidentally re-created Zzzax, who absorbed Landers. Influenced by Stan's affection for Alexandria, Zzzax abducted Knox and fought the Hulk again until Revel dispersed Zzzax using a copper wire and a lightning storm. Rematerializing during a meltdown in a new Illinois Edison breeder reactor, Zzzax abducted Knox again, preparing a molecular transformer in hopes of converting her into an electrical being like itself. Knox's recent acquaintance Power Man (Luke Cage) opposed this, and their battle blew

up the transformer, dissipating Zzzax again. Reintegrating its energies in a Soul Star Research power generator sold to Bruce Banner's Northwind Observatory, Zzzax fought a then-intelligent Hulk, who transmited Zzzax into outer space. Returning with the aid of the super-criminal Graviton, Zzzax fought the Avengers alongside Graviton's other new allies, Half-Life and Quantum; but Hawkeye and Wonder Man used a busted water main and yet another conductive cable to ground Zzzax, disrupting its energies.

Trapped by S.H.I.E.L.D. in an insulated vacuum tube, Zzzax was subjected to an experiment which tried to replicate its powers in a voluntary human test subject, the Hulk's longtime foe General Ross; but the experiment went awry and Zzzax absorbed Ross's mind. Ross's human body fell comatose, but Ross's consciousness actually took full control of Zzzax, battling both the Hulk and Rick Jones (who had briefly assumed a Hulk-like form). When the Hulk forced Ross to see he had become the same sort of monster he always hated, Ross returned to his human body, which retained limited electrical powers for a time. Ross seemingly sacrificed his life using these powers to stop the mutant menace Nevermind, but would later be revived by the Leader (Samuel Sterns) and Soul Man. Free of Ross, Zzzax next emerged from an experimental static electricity power collector invented by Tony Stark, but Stark short-circuited Zzzax as Iron Man. Deliberately restored by the electrical mutant criminal Paralyzer (Randall Darby), Zzzax found itself under combined attack by Spider-Man; many of the Midnight Sons; and freakish, mystically transformed vigilante Spider-Man imitator Spider-X. Zzzax was overloaded and dispersed during the battle, Spider-X was killed, and Paralyzer was captured. S.H.I.E.L.D. later reactivated Zzzax to use against the mutant soldier Cable, whose psionic powers were uniquely vulnerable to the creature, but Cable shorted out Zzzax using a water main. Placed back in containment by S.H.I.E.L.D., Zzzax was stored at the Raft super-prison but escaped during Electro's mass breakout.

Height: 40' (maximum)
Weight: Negligible
Eyes: Variable
Hair: None

Abilities: Zzzax is a sentient electrical field possessed of superhuman strength and durability and rudimentary intelligence (sometimes temporarily enhanced or altered by absorbing the electrical impulses of human brains, though a sufficiently powerful human consciousness can influence or even dominate Zzzax's actions after absorption). Zzzax sustains itself by feeding on or outright absorbing other electrical fields. Zzzax can hover or fly at will, fire electrical blasts, and generate hundreds of thousands of volts of electricity.

USER NOTES:

Spider-Man: Monsters like Zzzax make me glad I grew up a science nerd — as long as you've got the materials at hand to short-circuit him or ground him or whatever, he goes down pretty easy. Of course, he can do plenty of damage in the meantime...

Luke Cage: Come to snap-crackle-poppa! I'd half-convinced myself I imagined this ugly mother (kind of like Mister Fish, only the smell he left on my costume convinced me I didn't dream that one up, either).



ALCATRAZ

Californian island prison, operational 1859-1963, held superhuman criminals in 1940s. *Marvel Mystery Comics* #25 (1941)

ALMAGORDO

NM nuclear testing facility, held Armageddon Man and perhaps others in suspended animation. *X-Men* #12 (1992)

ANVIL

Penal colony on planet Annoval XIV, site of attempted breakout by Nebula. *Silver Surfer* #74 (1993)

AREA 52

Utah facility containing "mysteries of America," including superhuman-related technology, allegedly replaced Nevada's Area 51. *Uncanny X-Men* #363 (1999)

AREA 102

Government facility to prepare for and contain superhuman threats, used by "Thunderbolt" Ross as Hulkbust base. *Incredible Hulk* #462 (1998)

ARK HOUSE

NY prison, housed superhuman criminals shrunk by Yellowjacket's Pym particles, expanded into Lang Memorial Penitentiary (a.k.a. Ant Farm). *She-Hulk* #5 (2004)

BLACK HOLE

Research facility, experimented on occult superhumans, directed by Spook. *Ghost Rider* #62 (1995)

BRAINSTORM WARD

Mental institution, a.k.a. the Mud Dog Ward, secretly funded by Kingpin, created superhuman assassins, exposed by Spider-Man. *Web of Spider-Man* #33 (1987)

CAGE

Island prison for superhumans, built over French Prison de la Morte, dampened super-powers regardless of source, plagued by corrupt personnel. *Wolverine* #164 (2001)

CITADEL

Centuries-old French prison, used to hold sorcerers. *Fantastic Four Annual* 1999 (1999)

COLD IRON

Adirondacks military base, sought scientific basis for supernatural beings, illegally studied corpses of John Blaze's allies. *Spirits of Vengeance* #20 (1994)

CUBE

Prison for psychopathic superhumans, declared "capital of the Kree Empire" by Noh-Varr (a.k.a. Marvel Boy). *Marvel Boy* #6 (2001)

DAMNATION CITY

Intergalactic alien prison, possibly destroyed after invasion by Deadpool to rescue Dirty Wolf. *Deadpool* #41 (2000)

DESECRATION ANNEX

Celestial space station imprisoning cosmic-powered beings. *Captain Marvel* #5 (1996)

DORKHAM ASYLUM

Insane asylum in Visigoth, MA, housed several superhumans, many mutated by Jack Serious. *Sensational She-Hulk* #19 (1990)

FENG-TU

Chinese underground prison for mutants. *X-Men Annual* 2001 (2001)

FORT CHEER

Federal prison, maximum security, unjustly held espionage operative Susan Jacobson, broken into by Hulk and Pantheon. *Incredible Hulk* #410 (1993)

FORTRESS

Superhuman research facility, created sleeper agents for U.S. government and others, trained New Genix in simulated future environment. *Marvel Comics Presents* #112 (1992)

GAMMA BASE (a.k.a. HULKBUSTER BASE)

Originally NM base dedicated to Hulk's capture, held other gamma-powered superhumans, relocated to Nevada, acquired by Operation: Zero Tolerance. *Incredible Hulk* #145 (1971)

HANGAR 18

Extraterrestrial-oriented research facility, allegedly located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, studied Skrulls captured in 1947. *Blackwulf* #2 (1994)

HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Inhumane prison for rebellious teenagers (mutant and otherwise), site of forced cybernetic transformation by Warden Coffin. *Generation X* #64 (2000)

ICE BOX

Canadian maximum security prison, held crimelord Ivan the Terrible. *Maverick* #8 (1998)

IRON ROCK

Facility to hold advanced technology confiscated from super-villains. *Sensational Spider-Man* #8 (1996)

KYLN

Intergalactic alien prison, supposedly located near universe's edge, holds the universe's deadliest criminals. *Thanos* #7 (2004)

MONSTER ISLAND

Island in Bermuda Triangle, connected to Subterranea, former Deviant mutate breeding site, ruled by Mole Man, occasionally used as dumping ground for gigantic creatures by U.S. government and possibly by Japanese government as well. *Fantastic Four* #1 (1961)

MUIR ISLAND

Mutant research facility off Scottish coast, partially sponsored by Professor X, held mutant criminals as needed. *X-Men* #104 (1977)

NEVERLAND

Weapon X detention facility, supposedly designed to hold mutant terrorists, actually served as mutant concentration camp. *Weapon X* #5 (2003)

PROJECT: PEGASUS

NY-based government facility, investigated alternate power sources, studied various superhumans (willing or otherwise), served as de facto prison for years. *Marvel Two-in-One* #42 (1978)

PROVINCE 13

Russian research base and prison, collected and studied mutants. *X-Men: Liberators* #1 (1998)

RAVENCROFT

Institute for the Criminally Insane Asylum established by Dr. Ashley Kafka to treat insane superhumans, site of several breakouts. *Spider-Man Unlimited* #1 (1993)

RYKER'S ISLAND

Maximum security prison off NYC coast, included special wing to hold superhuman criminals, subject to many breakouts. *Amazing Spider-Man* #213 (1981)

RYKING HOSPITAL FOR PARAHUMAN RESEARCH

New Mexico facility, likened to "the Betty Ford clinic for rich super folk," which held Ryking's son Hazard. *X-Men* #12 (1992)

SALAMANCA

High-security prison for superhuman criminals, patrolled by flying armored guards. *Daredevil Vs. Punisher* #4 (2005)

SAUERBRATEN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

Ohio institution used as front by Doctor Reich, briefly held Howard the Duck and Winda Wester. *Howard the Duck* #12 (1977)

SEAGATE PRISON

Maximum security prison off Georgia coast, formerly held Luke Cage, later added wing for superhuman criminals. *Hero for Hire* #1 (1972)

SKRAGGMOORE PENITENTIARY

Illinois prison, formerly held the Zaniac. *Thor* #371 (1988)

SUNSHINE CITY

Government-run site of procedures by Puppet Master to control criminally insane in order to rehabilitate them. *Fantastic Four* #45 (2001)

VAULT

Immense facility for holding superhuman criminals, located in Colorado Rocky Mountains, contained special wing for extraterrestrial prisoners, rebuilt in Negative Zone by Mister Fantastic. *Avengers Annual* #15 (1986); *Fantastic Four: Foes* #5 (2005)

WORMWALL

NY prison, held Doctor Angst for years. *Sensational She-Hulk* #14 (1990)

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